

Identifying America

PROMPT

Using your choice book selection analyze how the author uses rhetorical (nonfiction) or literary (fiction) strategies to characterize American ideals, culture, values, etc.

Two tasks:

- Analyze how the author uses rhetorical/literary strategies
 - Rhetorical strategies
 - Organization (structure/genre)
 - Argument (logos, ethos, pathos)
- Understand and explain the author's American commentary (choose one for your thesis)
 - Values
 - Culture
 - Identity
 - Ideals
 - History & cultural progress

REQUIREMENTS:

- In your essay, you must use 3 direct quotes and 3 paraphrase (minimum) that reflect the analysis of the entire text with MLA citation
- MLA
- 3 pages minimum
- Works cited page
- Lead-ins for quotes
- Transitions
- Literary present tense
- 3rd person objective, scholarly tone
- Advanced vocabulary and verb usage
- Formal language

TIMELINE:

10/11 DUE Thesis & outline

10/14 media center

10/15 media center

10/16 media center

10/17 DUE rough draft (no credit if late, missing, forgotten, printing issues, or lost)

10/21 DUE final essay printed bring to class (-10 per day)

10/21 DUE turnitin.com by 2:00

KEEP IN MIND

- Save your draft often
- Consider using Google Docs
- If you lose your draft, then start over but you must still adhere to the timeline
- Printing issues or computer issues are not legitimate excuses and are solvable issues.

GRADES: Writing category 35%

- 10 points Thesis/outline
- 20 points Rough draft
- 80 points final draft

